

Fire Marshal Safety

Commercial Building Safety

- Find other exits that you can use in an emergency.
- Are any exits blocked or locked? Do they look like they will open?
- Do you see any leaking flammables or chemicals (paint thinners, pesticides etc.)
- Let a manager know and call 311.

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Hotel Safety

- Ask if the hotel has a working fire alarm.
- Is there a fire evacuation plan in your room?
- Can you locate the stairs and other exits? Go look and make sure they are not blocked and will open.
- Does your room have a working smoke alarm?

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Kitchen Safety

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling.
- If you are simmering, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- If you have a cooking fire and are in doubt, just get out and call the fire department.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.

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Grilling Safety

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

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Home Safety Plan

- Speak to your family members or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them.
- Contact your local fire department's non-emergency line, they may perform a home fire safety inspection and offer suggestions about smoke alarm placement and maintenance.
- If you have disabilities ask emergency providers to keep your needs information on file.
- Keep a phone near your bed and be ready to call 911 if a fire occurs.

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Matches and Lighters around Children

- Store matches and lighters out of children's reach and sight.
- Remember that even child-*resistant* lighters are not *childproof*.
- Never use matches or lighters as amusement. Children may imitate you.

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- **Candle Safety**
- Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles.
- If you do use candles, ensure they are in sturdy metal, glass or ceramic holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked down.
- Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Extinguish candles after use and before going to bed.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.
- Never use a candle where medical oxygen is being used.
- Use a flashlight – not a candle – for emergency lighting.
- And NEVER leave burning candles unattended!

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Conduct a fire safety walkthrough of your home on a regular basis. Use the following tips to help you in your walkthrough:

- Keep clothes, blankets, curtains, towels, and other items that can easily catch on fire at least three feet from space heaters and away from stove burners.
- Place space heaters where they will not tip over easily.
- Have chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a professional.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces and leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Be sure your stove and small appliances are off before going to bed.
- Check for worn wires and do not run cords under rugs or furniture.
- Never overload electrical sockets.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Never leave cigarettes unattended and never smoke in bed.
- Make sure cigarettes and ashes are out. The cigarette needs to be completely stubbed out in the ashtray or run under water.
- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flashback up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

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